

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

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**CUSHIONED RUBBER FLOOR MAT  
ARTICLE AND METHOD**

Group Art Unit:

1772

Examiner:

Unknown

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to a first Office Action on the merits, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, lines 5 – 7, **delete** the paragraph “This application is.....August 13, 1999.” and **replace** it with the following paragraph:

“This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application serial number 09/653,785, filed September 1, 2000.”

Page 2, line 3, **delete** the paragraph: “All U.S. patent cited herein are hereby fully incorporated by reference.” and **replace** it with:

“All U.S. patents cited herein are hereby fully incorporated by reference.  
U.S. patent applications serial number 09/374,707, filed August 13, 1999, and serial number 09/374,321, filed August 13, 1999, are each hereby fully incorporated by reference herein.”